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IS now showing a remarkably smart line in **SEMI-TRIMMED** HATS, suitable for present Season's Wear. Prices from \$4.50 to \$9.00.
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HONGKONG, WEDNESDAY, JULY 15, 1908.

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PRICE, \$3.00 Per Month.

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\$15
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SCOTCH WHISKY.
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Hongkong, May 1, 1907. 793

NOTICE.

THE VOLUNTEER CONCERT which was to take place on the 18th inst., has been POSTPONED to the 1st of August, on account of the death of Lieut. Bloom.
Hongkong, July 14, 1908. 1096

WANTED.

A NY'NE having for sale a PLEASURE BOAT, an outboard with stationary seats and high ribbed construction, four oars (two pairs), second-hand but in good condition, may address
Care of 'CHINA MAIL' Office.
Hongkong, July 14, 1908. 1066

WANTED.

BY Young Lady, a Situation, either as LADY'S MAID or a NURSERY GOVERNESS.
Apply to
Care of 'CHINA MAIL' Office.
Hongkong, July 2, 1908. 956

THE WEST POINT BUILDING CO., LIMITED.

A N INTERIM DIVIDEND of \$2.00 per Share for the Six Months ending 30th June, 1908, will be payable on the 29th inst., on which date Dividend Warrants may be obtained on application at the Company's Office.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from WEDNESDAY, 22nd inst. to WEDNESDAY, 29th inst., (both days inclusive) during which period no Transfer of Shares can be registered.

By Order of the Board of Directors,
A. SHELTON HOOPER,
Secretary to THE HONGKONG LAND INVESTMENT AND AGENCY CO., LD.,
General Agents for THE WEST POINT BUILDING CO., LD.
Hongkong, July 14, 1908. 1007

THE HONGKONG LAND INVESTMENT AND AGENCY CO., LD.

A N INTERIM DIVIDEND of \$3.50 per Share for the Six Months ending 30th June, 1908 will be Payable on the 29th inst., on which date Dividend Warrants may be obtained on application at the Company's Office.

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By Order of the Board of Directors,
A. SHELTON HOOPER,
Secretary.
Hongkong, July 14, 1908. 1008

NOTICE.

THE COMMITTEE of the TUNG WA HOSPITAL invite Members of the Community to attend at the Hospital, on the occasion of the Presentation of Medals, on SATURDAY next, the 18th inst., at 3 p.m., to the Chairman and Clerk of the Hospital, Messrs. Kow Shun, who were instrumental in saving a large number of lives from the wreck of the s.s. 'Poonan' on the 8th June last.
The Hon. Mr. E. A. JARVIS, Registrar General, will preside.
Hongkong, July 13, 1908. 1000

FLOOD FUND
BAZAAR.

Until the 16th the Bazaar will be open from 2 to 5, and from 7 to 11.
Hongkong, July 13, 1908. 967

THE OWL GRILL ROOM
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Tiffin ... \$20 per Month.
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Hongkong, May 15, 1908. 764

Business Notices.

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NEW LAUNCH FOR SALE.
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OPPOSITE CENTRAL MARKET.

NEW PICTURES.

NIAGARA FALLS

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TWO PERFORMANCES NIGHTLY: 7 to 9.30 and 9 to 11.
Hongkong, April 13, 1908. 674

SUMMER REQUISITES

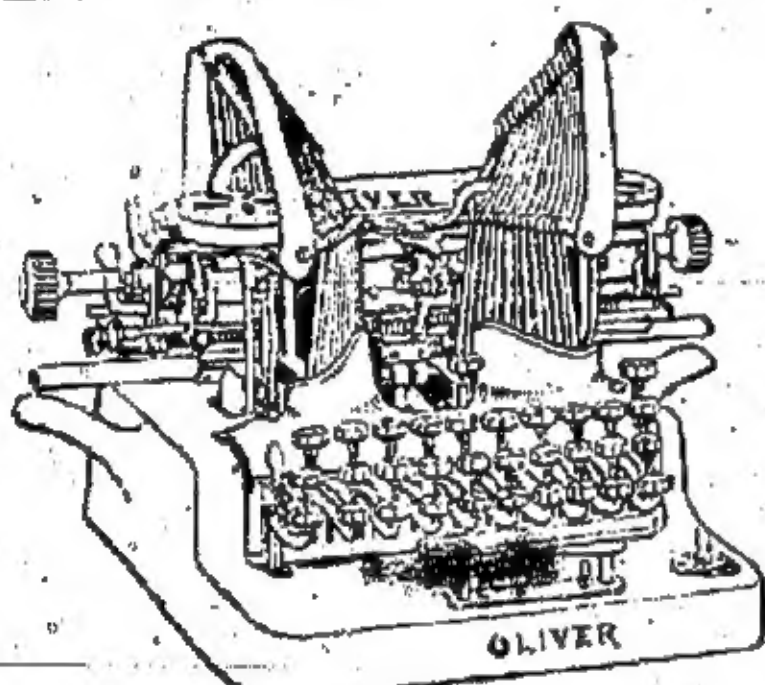
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SAFE REMEDIES FOR ALLAYING THE IRRITATION.

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Delicately Perfumed. Half pint bottles, 60 cents.

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Welsbach Light is the combination of the wonderful Welsbach Kern Gas Burner with Mantles of British manufacture. Only in this way do you obtain the light that is the lightest, softest and cheapest. There is no other burner, except the Welsbach Kern No. 3, which will give you a 75 candle power light with a gas consumption of only 3 ft. per hour.

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Wilks & Jack, Ltd.,

14, Des Vœux Road Central, Hongkong.
Hongkong, April 1, 1908. 510



MAGISTRACY.

IT is hereby notified that a MEETING of HIS MAJESTY'S JUSTICES of the PEACE will be held at the MAGISTRACY at 2.15 P.M. on TUESDAY, the 14th July, 1908, for the purpose of considering the following application under the Liquor Licences Ordinance, 1898, (Ordinance No. 8 of 1898), viz:—
From one G. BARTOLONE for an Adjunct Licence to sell by retail intoxicating Liquors on premises numbered 84, Queen's Road Central, under the sign of 'G. BARTOLONE'.
J. H. KEMP,
Police Magistrate.
Hongkong, July 4, 1908. 944

M.C.C. TURKISH CIGARETTES.
THE BEST on the MARKET. SOLE AGENTS FOR SOUTH CHINA AND THE STRAITS SETTLEMENTS.
A. KOTAS & CO.,
NEW TRAVELLERS' HOTEL.
Hongkong, January 24, 1908. 128

Business Notices.

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MOST
RELIABLE
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BEWARE OF IMITATIONS. SOLE MANUFACTURERS:
BELL'S ASBESTOS CO., LTD., LONDON.

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PET DOG

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BISCUITS

Biscuits Dry

DOG CAKES

\$1.10

which not only act as the canine tooth-brush, but cause a copious flow of saliva which assists digestion.

\$6.00

per 4lb. Tin.

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A LARGE STOCK OF

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if continuously given, as dogs have a natural tendency to bolt their food.

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Grocery, Furniture, Rattan Ware, Tobacco, Cigars,

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Our Prices are marked in plain figures.

Hongkong, September 28, 1907. 128

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PHOTOGRAPHS of the Hongkong Buses are now on Sale. Pictures from every

Conspicuous Corner of the River Quays. Splendid Assortment. Complete Set

in Album, for \$15.00. Also Lantern Slides at 50 Cents each.

STUDIO—108 HOUSE STREET. STORE—BRACKENFIELD ARCADE.

Hongkong, February 18, 1908. 1161

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Mrs. M. MATTHEW, Proprietress.

A THOROUGHLY FIRST-CLASS AND UP-TO-DATE HOTEL.

CUISINE under European Supervision. Gills at short notice. Private Bar and

Billiard Room. Monthly Rates for Tiffin and Dinner.

TELEGRAMS: Address 'COMFORT, HONGKONG.'

For particulars, apply to
Longkong, September 24, 1907. 1640

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Most Centrally Situated—Elegantly Furnished.

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FIRST CLASS TABLE TERMS VERY REASONABLE.

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The Whole of their Stock at Greatly
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Hongkong, June 17, 1908. 628

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Launches for Hire, lying off Blakes Pier during the day.

For the convenience of our clients the Office will also be open on Sunday from 8 to 11 a.m.

OFFICES: ST GEORGE'S BUILDING (SECOND FLOOR).

GORDON & CO., General Managers.
Hongkong, June 1, 1908. 619

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A. F. DAVIES, Manager.

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Open to the South, Winds in Summer and protected from the North-east Winds in

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A FIRST-CLASS FAMILY, RESIDENTIAL AND TOURISTS' HOTEL.

Terms:—From \$5 per day. Telegraphic Address: 'Peak Hotel.'

Town Office: 4, DUNDAS STREET.

Hongkong, February 8, 1908. 51

BREWER & Co., Limited.

PEDDER STREET—ADJOINING MAIN ENTRANCE HONGKONG HOTEL.

TELEPHONE No. 698.

John Chisaman, by Rev. Hardy ... \$4.00

Map of Hongkong and Kowloon ... 2.00

McNab's Law of Storms ... 1.50

Loose Practical Digest of the Ship- ... 3.19

ping Acts ... 3.19

Newman's Marine Guide ... 5.50

Newton's Seamanship ... 1.88

Loose's Breakdowns at Sea ... 1.00

Kipling's Books, each ... 4.75

Mark Twain's Works, each ... 2.75

Mario Corbelli's Books ... 1.75

The Pit, by Norris50

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Hynes50

History of David Grieve, by Hum-50

phrey Ward50

Colonial Office Journal, April ... 1.30

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Banks.

HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

Paid-up Capital \$15,000,000
 Reserve Fund \$15,000,000
 Sterling \$1,500,000 @ 2/6 = \$15,000,000
 Silver \$15,000,000
 Reserve Liability of \$25,000,000
 Proprietors \$15,000,000

Court of Directors:—
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 Hongkong—J. R. M. SMITH.
 Manager:—
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LONDON BANKERS—LONDON AND COUNTY BANKING CO., LTD.

HONGKONG—INTEREST ALLOWED.
 On Current Account at the rate of Two per cent per annum on the daily balance.

ON FIXED DEPOSITS:—
 For 3 months 2 1/2 per cent per annum.
 For 6 months 3 per cent per annum.
 For 12 months 3 1/2 per cent per annum.
 J. R. M. SMITH, Chief Manager.

Hongkong, July 14, 1903.

HONGKONG SAVINGS BANK.

The business of the above Bank is conducted by the HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION. Rules may be obtained on application.

INTEREST on deposits is allowed at 4 PER CENT. per annum. Depositors may transfer at their option balances of \$100 or more to the HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANK, to be placed on "FIXED DEPOSIT" at 4 PER CENT. per annum.

For the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation,
 J. R. M. SMITH, Chief Manager.
 Hongkong, January 13, 1903.

THE CHARTERED BANK OF INDIA, AUSTRALIA, AND CHINA.

INCORPORATED BY ROYAL CHARTER 1853.
 HEAD OFFICE, LONDON.

Paid-up Capital \$1,500,000
 Reserve Fund \$1,500,000
 Reserve Liability or Pro-
 prietors \$1,500,000

INTEREST allowed on Current Account at the rate of 2 1/2 per cent per annum on the daily balance.

On Fixed Deposits for 12 months 4 1/2 per cent per annum.
 For 6 months 4 per cent per annum.
 For 3 months 3 1/2 per cent per annum.
 JOHN ARMSTRONG, Manager.

Hongkong, May 13, 1903.

THE MERCHANT BANK OF INDIA, LIMITED.

Authorized Capital \$1,500,000
 Paid-up Capital \$1,500,000
 Reserve Fund \$1,500,000

INTEREST allowed on Current Account at the rate of 2 1/2 per cent per annum on the daily balance.

On Fixed Deposits:—
 For 12 months 4 1/2 per cent per annum.
 For 6 months 4 per cent per annum.
 For 3 months 3 1/2 per cent per annum.
 EVAN ORMISTON, Manager.

Hongkong, April 22, 1903.

THE BANK OF TAIWAN LIMITED.

(Incorporated by Special Imperial Charter).

Authorized Capital Yen 5,000,000.
 Paid-up Capital Yen 5,000,000.
 Reserve Fund Yen 5,000,000.

HEAD OFFICE—TAIPEI, FORMOSA.

BRANCHES AND AGENTS:—
 Kobe, Yokohama, Nagasaki, Tokyo, Osaka, Manila, Cebu, Hongkong, Shanghai, Amoy, Swatow, Canton, Hankow, Peking, Tientsin, Harbin, Vladivostok, Port Arthur, Dairen, Antung, Liao-yang, Mukden, Tientsin, Ching-tai, etc.

HONGKONG OFFICE:—
 3, Des Voeux Road.
 Interest allowed on Current Account.
 Deposits received on terms which may be sent on application.
 D. TOWDOW, Manager.

Hongkong, March 26, 1903.

YOKOHAMA SPECIE BANK.

ESTABLISHED 1880.

Capital Paid-up Yen 24,000,000
 Reserve Fund Yen 15,000,000

HEAD OFFICE—YOKOHAMA.

BRANCHES AND AGENTS:—
 Tokyo, Kobe, Nagasaki, Yokohama, Osaka, Manila, Cebu, Hongkong, Shanghai, Amoy, Swatow, Canton, Hankow, Peking, Tientsin, Harbin, Vladivostok, Port Arthur, Dairen, Antung, Liao-yang, Mukden, Tientsin, Ching-tai, etc.

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 On Current Account at the rate of 2 1/2 per cent per annum on the daily balance.

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 For 12 months 4 1/2 per cent per annum.
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 For 3 months 3 1/2 per cent per annum.
 TAKESHI TAKAMICHI, Manager.

Hongkong, March 3, 1903.

Banks.

INTERNATIONAL BANKING CORPORATION.

Capital, Paid-up Gold \$250,000,000
 Reserve Fund Gold \$250,000,000
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 BANK OF ENGLAND,
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THE Corporation Transacts every description of Banking and Exchange business, receives money in Current Accounts at the rate of 2 1/2 per cent per annum on the daily balance and accepts fixed deposits at the following rates:—

For 12 months 4 1/2 per cent per annum.
 For 6 months 4 per cent per annum.
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No. 9, QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL, HONGKONG.

W. M. ANDERSON, Manager.

Hongkong, January 24, 1903.

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(NETHERLANDS TRADING SOCIETY)

ESTABLISHED 1824.

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J. L. VAN HOUTEN, Agent.

Hongkong, November 13, 1902.

RUSSO-CHINESE BANK.

ORGANISED UNDER IMPERIAL DECREE OF 10th DECEMBER, 1895.

CAPITAL \$15,000,000 Roubles.

PAID-UP CAPITAL \$2,000,000 Roubles.

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INTEREST allowed on Current Accounts at the rate of 2 1/2 per cent per annum on the daily balance.

On Fixed Deposits:—
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 TAKESHI TAKAMICHI, Manager.

Hongkong, March 3, 1903.

GEO. P. LAMMERT

AUCTIONEER.

PUBLIC AUCTIONS.

BY ORDER OF THE EXECUTORS OF THE MORTGAGEE, DECEASED.

PARTICULARS AND CONDITIONS OF SALE.

OF SHARES IN VALUABLE LEASEHOLD PROPERTY and Share in a Business Firm, situated at Victoria, in the Colony of Hongkong, to be sold by PUBLIC AUCTION.

IN ONE LOT.

THURSDAY, the 18th day of July, 1903, at 12 o'clock (Noon).

MR. GEO. P. LAMMERT, at his Sales Rooms, DUNDRELL STREET, E.C.4.

THE Property consists of:—

One-sixth share and interest of the late TANG YUK CHUAN of and in the place of ground registered in the Land Office as KOWLOON INLAND LOTS Nos. 620, 630, 631 and 1111, and "K WLOON MARINE LOT No. 50 and of and in all the messuages and buildings thereon respectively.

And also one-sixth share and interest of the late TANG YUK CHUAN of and in the BUSINESS of the MAN LUNG SHOP No. 127, Des Voeux Road West.

Kowloon Marine Lot No. 50: Area 80,400 Square Feet. Annual Crown Rent \$832.

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Kowloon Inland Lot No. 630: Area 23,100 Square Feet. Annual Crown Rent \$108.

Kowloon Inland Lot No. 631: Area 23,100 Square Feet. Annual Crown Rent \$108.

Kowloon Inland Lot No. 1111: Area 2,250 Square Feet. Annual Crown Rent \$31.

For further particulars, apply to Messrs EWENS & HARTSON, Solicitors for the Vendors, or to

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FRIDAY, the 17th day of July, 1903, commencing at 5 p.m., at his Sales Rooms, DUNDRELL STREET.

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For Sale.

FOR SALE.

CRUISING YACHT, CHINESE.

LATELY thoroughly overhauled and Cabin Decorated.

Pantry fully equipped, crockery, cooking, apparatus complete, lavatory, washstand, etc., 150 gallon iron tank just installed. Electric Light throughout. English Anchors and Cable.

Awning complete, and tent for camping on shore.

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Whole outfit ready for immediate use. Owners selling only to purchase larger craft.

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Authorized Capital £2,500,000.

Subscribed Capital £2,500,000.

Paid-up Capital £2,500,000.

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Revenue Fire Branch—£2,081,044 19 6.

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Branches—£3,774,899 19 6.

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By J. A. L.

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SCULLING.

Towns in Harness Again.

Surprise has been falling so consistently in the midst of rowing men in New South Wales of late that scullers and oarsmen alike are speculating among themselves as to what the next will be, says the "Daily Telegraph" of Sydney.

The latest took the form of a cablegram from Mr. Spencer Gollan from England stating that he had matched George Towns to row Ernest Barry, on the Thames, in October next.

That this was a surprise goes without saying, since it was generally understood that after Towns had successfully defended his title of the champion sculler of the world, against Eddie Dorman, of Canada, on the Nepean River, and then landed it over to his brother, Charlie to defend, he had "given the game up," and intended devoting the whole of his time to his business as a boat builder.

Up to the time of receiving the challenge Towns had done this, and apart from putting young scullers through their paces, and teaching them a little of his skill, has taken a back seat as far as the active part of sculling is concerned. Yet, when a cablegram from England reached him a few weeks ago asking him if he would row if matched with Barry, the sporting instinct, with which Towns is so liberally supplied, overruled any resolutions he had made, with the result that an answering cablegram was returned saying, "Yes, if the conditions suit me." That the conditions that were cabled him do suit him is plainly evidenced by the fact that he has booked passages for himself and his wife by the R. M. S. Orontes, which leaves on Saturday next.

Towns considers that as he has been matched against Barry, who is regarded as the champion of England, the privilege of having another try for the "Sportman" Cup has been extended to him, and if he is successful the Cup will become his property, as he has already won it twice. Then again the stakes is good, and the expenses are liberal, so why should he not take the benefit of the trip and chance of winning the cup as well. Towns may still be considered a young man, and is full of health and strength, and still retains that skill of his which he knows well how to use.

Of his opponent he knows nothing, except that he is regarded as the champion of England, is 25 years of age, and is considered by competent judges as a good man.

With regard to outfit George will take with him a boat of his own build, also sculls. He expects to arrive in England in time to go through a usual course of training, and after the race to leave almost immediately for Sydney again.

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THE YANGTZE PORTS.

From the statistical department of the

Inspectorate General of Chinese Customs

at Shanghai we have received the

returns of trade and trade reports for

1907 as they affect the Yangtze Ports

(from Chungking to Chinkiang). A brief

summary of the facts in relation to the

ten ports dealt with cannot fail to be of

interest to most of our readers. The

Commissioner at Chungking reports

that the abnormal height of the river

up to August adversely affected the

normal river traffic and the rice crop

was damaged by the inclement weather.

Nevertheless, on the whole and from a

commercial standpoint, the year had

been a fair one. The trade was nearly

two million Hk. Taels less than the

previous year, an apparent decline, due

to the low price of silver and various

local causes. Another disturbing factor

was the imposition of the new "Tung-

shui" opium tax which was very un-

popular and culminated in a local re-

bellion. Eventually the unpopular tax

was abolished and the former plan of

collecting Taels 20 per picul reverted to.

The experiment had, however,

caused an enormous loss to the Customs

revenue. The quantity of opium which

passed through the Chungking office

during the first two quarters of the year

was about one-half short of that for

corresponding periods of the previous

year. The report from Ichang opens

with a pessimistic sentence: "A bad

year has succeeded an indifferent one,

and trade cannot therefore be considered

to be satisfactory." An interesting item

of information is that at this port the

desire for foreign opium has apparently

come to an end. There is little or no

demand. A slight increase in trade

was shown at Suhsi but the customs

receipts decreased. There was, however,

a slight increase in the receipts from

opium. It is when we come to the

report from Changsha that we note the

first indication of a more hopeful view

of things. The Acting-Commissioner

says: "Most gratifying progress in all

directions marks the year 1907." There

was an increase of some 57 per cent. in

the customs revenue. A most prosper-

ous year was also experienced at To-

chow, the trade of the port having

increased from Hk. Taels 747,000 to

Hk. Taels 1,354,000. Neither Chang-

sha nor Yochow make any remark on

the opium trade. The growth of Han-

kow is well illustrated by the figures

given in the Commissioner's report. The

net foreign imports increased in 1907 by

over ten million taels. It is mentioned,

however, that the year, from a profit-

yielding point of view, was disappoint-

ing as regarded the general export trade.

The tea crop was the one exception, good

prices being realised. In this report

some extremely interesting information

is afforded in regard to the general

growth of Hankow, which many good

judges think will soon eclipse in impor-

tance any port in the Chinese Empire.

We are sorry that considerations of

space prevent us from quoting it in

extenso. At Kueikang more opium was

imported than in 1906 and Wuhu

reported the largest importation of the

drug since 1900. Trade remained

practically stationary at Nanking and

the Chinkiang report does not call for

special comment. We advise readers

to procure these returns for themselves.

A summary is always unsatisfactory

and may even be unintentionally mis-

leading, and the returns will in them-

selves well repay study.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

The Waiwupu has refused the ap-

plication of a Russian subject for a gold-

mining concession in Tibet.

A number of burglaries which have

recently been committed in foreign houses

in Tientsin are alleged to be the work

of foreigners.

The ratification of the arbitration

treaty between Japan and America are

expected to be exchanged at Washington

on or about the 20th inst.

An Imperial decree has been issued

authorising General Cheng Ping-chih, Com-

mandant-in-chief of the forces in Kwangsi,

to accept and wear the Cross of the Legion

of Honour which has just been conferred

upon him by the French Government.

We learn from Nanking that the

branch line of the Shanghai-Nanking

Railway, which is to connect the main

station with the city, is already under

construction; the funds are being provided

by the provincial government, and it is ex-

pected that the work will be completed by

the end of the 7th moon; say the end of

August. His Excellency Viceroy Tung

Fang inspected the line a few days ago.

Instructions have been issued by the

Imperial Government that the guards in

the neighbourhood of foreign concessions

or churches, where revolutionaries would

be likely to find concealment or china

protection, and at all the points of

strategic importance, are to be streng-

thened, and that the officers in command

of troops in these places are not to ask

leave of absence except in extremely

urgent cases.

The long protracted negotiations be-

tween the Chinese Engineering and Mining

Co. and the Chinese authorities have

entered upon an important stage. The

question has been taken over from the

Viceroy's Provincial Foreign Bureau by

the Wai-wu-pu and His Ex. M. T. Liang,

who has recently been appointed a Junior

ALLEGED KIDNAPPING.

Mother Sees Her Son At Wharf.

An interesting case of kidnapping came to the notice of the police, who were on duty at the Shun Lee wharf, yesterday afternoon. An old couple who live at West Point, some days ago reported to the police that their six months' old son had been abducted, and yesterday afternoon the mother happened to be standing on the wharf, when she saw an old woman, who had a child on her back. The police, on duty on the wharf, saw the mother, and she, who was innocent, and further said that another woman had asked her to take the child, down to the steamer for which she received twenty cents.

The constable was taken to this other woman who denied any such arrangement, and both of them were taken into custody. The case is to be heard on Monday.

THE REPAIR OF A ROAD.

Action for Damages.

Sung Lee brought an action against Li Ping, before Mr Justice (Gonzalez), at the Supreme Court, this morning, claiming \$300 damages for converting a quantity of broken granite, the property of the complainant, to his own use, the said granite being stored on Crown land at Hungnam, and was alleged to have been used in the making of a road at Hungnam.

Mr F. B. L. Bowley appeared for the plaintiff and Mr E. J. Crist, of Messrs Wilkinson and Crist, defended.

Mr Bowley said the claim was for a certain quantity of broken granite which had been used for the making of a road. The granite was the property of his client and it had been wrongfully removed without permission on November 17 and 18.

His Lordship—Was the defendant contractor for the Kowloon road?

Mr Bowley—Yes.

Continuing, Mr Bowley said that in 1906 the plaintiff held the contract for the laying of the roads at Kowloon. At that time Mr Tooker was engineer in charge of the roads, and in the latter part of 1906 he told Sung Lee that he was to repair the road between Hungnam and the cement works, and some distance along that road, which was the main road for rickshaws from the Ferry to Kowloon and beyond. A quantity of materials and broken granite were collected for the work, and with the permission of Mr Tooker they were stored on certain parts of Crown land.

For some reason or other the work was not carried out in 1906, and in October 1907 Mr Tooker issued an order for the repair of the road from Gun Club Hill leading from the sea front to Hungnam market. That work was carried out by plaintiff. On November 7 the supply of broken stones ran short, and work had to be suspended. Some days later defendant removed a quantity of the broken stones belonging to plaintiff, whose partner noticed that it had been removed. The actual cost was \$129.54, for which he asked for judgment.

His Lordship asked Mr Crist if he consented to judgment.

Mr Crist—My client denies absolutely every word that has fallen from my friend, except that he was the contractor and carried out the work. I will show your Lordship exactly where he obtained, not exactly the amount of stone required to do the work, but more than that amount.

His Lordship—This is a sort of counterblast.

Mr Crist—Yes absolutely, and entirely. Mr Bowley—Your Lordship will notice that this transaction took place on November 7 and 8, 1907, whereas the other transaction took place in January and February last year.

Mr Crist—It will be a matter of argument. Mr Bowley—I expect that my friend will say that this is trumped up case and so on, but I have the account books to show the entries.

Evidence was then called. The hearing was adjourned.

MOORISH METHODS.

Whips a Rival's Wives.

Mulai-Hadi, who has been proclaimed Sultan of Morocco at Fez in place of his brother Abdul Aziz, is removing from the palace all traces of European civilisation.

On breaking open the Treasury he was furious on finding only a coffee containing some old clothes of Abdul Aziz.

Mulai Hadi then whipped the occupants of the harem in order to compel them to disclose where the Royal Treasury had been hidden, but the ladies declared that Abdul Aziz took everything with him when he left Fez.

ASIATIC REGISTRATION IN AFRICA.

Indians Placated.

Nine thousand and seventy-two persons—practically the whole of the Asiatic community in the Transvaal—have registered voluntarily under the compromise effected with the Government. Nevertheless, the colonial Government, yielding to the representations of the Imperial Government on behalf of the King's Indian subjects, is willing to legislate in the direction of amending the Asiatic Registration Bill.

Had Keph Her Own—"Can you be treated with a secret?" he asked. The woman drew herself up proudly. "You have known me for ten years, haven't you?" she replied. "Yes." "Do you know how old I am?"—Washington Herald.

THE FLOOD.

In the mind's eye of the reader to whom flooded districts of Kwongtung are familiar the picture conjured up by the matter of fact, and no doubt sufficiently accurate reports of parties sent to investigate conditions and to administer relief are distinctly and markedly suggestive. All parts of the desolated region have been under inspection and report.

The waters have now so far retired that estimates (approximate only and not always sufficiently exact to be of official value) have been found possible regarding the damage sustained in certain of the submerged areas. It is quite clear that the havoc wrought is appalling and that to state off the worst consequence of the flood will tax the resources of officials and gentry during many months.

A stage in the history of the disaster has been reached when inquiry concerns itself with statistics, with the character and amount of relief already afforded, and with the best means of continuing such relief. It is manifest that as the waters recede from their channels and the land is once more available for cultivation the total strength of the population will be needed in the continuous labour of making good their terrible losses. Embankments have to be repaired, houses rebuilt, land reclaimed, and the people given a new start in life. In the meantime, and whilst the necessary work is proceeding they have to be supplied with food.

The floods in Kwongtung have once more exhibited to admiration the resources of the Cantonese. We may assuredly say that in no other province of the empire would there have been a more prompt and timely or a more judicious and well considered scheme of relief.

It is for those who have so energetically and efficiently planned for and administered immediate aid to the saving of many thousands of lives to consider how this admirable effort may best be maintained until the suffering peasantry are once more in a position to rely on their own labours for food and shelter.

The Flood Bazaar.

The 30 casks cement presented by Messrs Shewan Tomes and Co., and purchased by Mr Li Ping, have been sent as a gift from him to the people of the districts, where the river has broken down the banks, to be used in constructing cement walls to keep back the water.

The Commaught Aerated water stall has been a great success. Mr Chu Pak Tung drank a glass of lemonade and paid \$600.00 into the Fund, Mr Yip Wai Pak for a glass of Raspberry gave \$150.00, Messrs Chu Pak Leung and Un Lai Chuen \$100 each, and many others \$25.00, and \$10.00 for a glass of aerated water. Several pictures drawn by Mr Fung Wa Chuen's little grandson, aged 7 years, showed fine talent, and brought good prices, as much as \$20.00 being paid for one. The committee beg to acknowledge with thanks the following further contributions. The Nissau Bussan Kaisha, 50 cases Hirano Mineral water; 5 cases Japanese Beer. Dr Noble, Cheong for \$100.00. Mr E. Shellen, Cheong for \$20.00. Acknowledgments of donations from many other friends will be made to-morrow.

ALLEGED THEFT OF A CYCLE.

Smart Recovery By Police.

Missing his cycle on Monday morning, Mr H. P. Sayer, of Macdonell Road, gave information to the police, who, during the afternoon of the following day, found the thief trying to sell it with the assistance of a hawk.

Mr Sayer had ordered his cycle to clean the cycle, but in the meantime the cycle had been dismissed, and as his successor could not find the cycle, it was naturally thought he had stolen it. Mr Kemp, at the Magistrate's this morning, fined defendant \$100, or six weeks' imprisonment.

AN AUSTRALIAN TRAGEDY.

Motivless Murder.

ADELPHI, S. A. July 20. News of a singular and terrible tragedy comes from Victoria.

At Mount Blackwood, Victoria, yesterday, Mr R. G. Robinson—a highly respected citizen—was standing talking to his wife in front of his own residence, when a shot was suddenly fired by some unseen person and Robinson staggered back and fell dead at his wife's feet.

The man who fired the shot appears not to have been seen by anyone, but the police investigation revealed certain circumstances which caused suspicion to fall upon William Pincombe, a mine, living in the neighbourhood.

Constable Saunders proceeded to Pincombe's residence for the purpose of effecting his arrest. As the constable was approaching the house Pincombe appeared in the doorway armed with a rifle, which he presented and fired point blank at the constable, the bullet grazing the latter's body.

Thereupon Saunders immediately drew his revolver and shot Pincombe through the head.

Pincombe is still alive, but is not expected to recover. Nothing definite has transpired as to the cause of this tragedy.

He Know—"Do you know the value of an oath?" asked the judge of an old dandy who was to be the next witness. "Yes, sah, I does. One ob dese yash lawyers done gib me feath dollars for a swear to sufin. Dats de value of an oath. Feath dollars, sah." And then there was conversation in the court-room.—St. Joseph News.

CANTON NOTES.

Viceroy Honours Merchants.

(From Our Correspondent.)

CANTON, July 14.

Most people know that in the history of China, merchants have not been accustomed to take a foremost place in the kingdom. They stand last in the famous list of the four divisions into which the people are divided. Of course, the word used to describe merchants is the word used to describe all kinds of sellers of merchandise, and, as among the latter there are included the myriad of small shopkeepers and peddling merchants, it is not greatly to be surprised at that their rank does not come first, or even second. It is, however, somewhat surprising that it should be placed after workmen. Yet such is the case, and it will take some time to change the accustomed phraseology, and also the existing way of looking at things. However, the Viceroy of Canton has been doing the right thing in trying to secure national honours for some of the leading merchants of Canton. He has telegraphed to Peking, to the Privy Council, and pointed out that the merchants of Canton are a powerful factor in the life of the place, and that the time has come when they should be recognized, and honoured. Their wealth is great, and their ability conspicuous. He has therefore asked that the Imperial House will grant national honours to some of them, who the Viceroy may name. If this is done it will develop a feeling of allegiance among the merchants towards the Throne and, the whole class will feel gratified at the special honours granted to the few that are named. Who are the Emperor will accede to the request remains to be seen. There would seem to be little objection to the suggestion, and no doubt it would really, if carried out, be an incentive to loyalty on the part of the merchant class.

Fire In The Viceroy's Yamen.

There has been a fire in the Viceroy's Yamen in Canton. According to the brief report that has come to hand, on Sunday last about two o'clock in the afternoon, in a room connected with the Yamen, which was arranged as a sitting room after the model of the Western style, there was some negligence in connection with the electrical light, and presently the place was in a blaze. Near by there were some matchboxes put in order to temper the great heat of this time of the year, and immediately these caught alight. As the Chinese say "immediately the fire rose and reached to heaven." No one could approach it for a little time. H. R. the Viceroy was summoned to a chair, and made his exit in the most unceremonious way. Moreover the clerks and writers rushed hither and thither to find an escape. Meanwhile use was made of the telephone and immediately messages were sent hither and thither for engines, and for troops and in a little time these were reaching the Yamen in great numbers, so that the fire was not able to get a thorough hold of the building.

In a comparatively short time the fire was in hand. Meanwhile it is said that three of the buildings were burnt out. The report does not state what damage was done to the other parts of the Yamen, nor whether any books and other important documents were destroyed either by the fire or the water.

Viceroy and Tartar-General.

For some time past the Tartar General, King, has been pressing the Viceroy for more funds in order to increase the efficiency of the army. It does not appear quite clear whether he wants to improve the status and pay of the men he has, or whether he wants more funds in order to increase the number under his command. At any rate the Viceroy has been resisting his demands throughout. Whilst these differences of opinion have obtained in Canton, a message has come from the Board of War, at Peking, ordering the Viceroy to make provision for a larger garrison of soldiers, trained on Western methods. In fact, these orders indicate the necessity of getting two battalions of Manchurian soldiers in Canton in addition to those already on the strength of the command, and they are to be armed with the best of modern rifles and well looked after. The Viceroy's contention is that already the resources of the Province are strained to the utmost in order to raise the necessary funds for the new regiments already enlisted, and, that indeed, he has not been able to find the necessary funds to support them. The Viceroy seems, therefore, inclined to resist this new order from Peking, and the Tartar General insists that obstructions have been put in the way intentionally, and that there need not be this opposition. The relations between these two warlike thoroughbreds are being strained to the point of breaking, and they are now writing to one another, and each refusing to give way to the other. As the report says "they are within an inch of a genuine quarrel." Whilst this is the state of things the under officials are said to be diligent in their endeavours to ease away the pressure, and are wishing to find some modus vivendi which will avoid the otherwise inevitable open rupture.

INFANTILE CHOLERA.

ANY unusual looseness of a child's bowels during the hot weather should be a warning to mothers. Infantile cholera may develop in a few hours, and prompt action should be taken to avoid it. Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy, followed by a dose of castor oil, will check the disease in its incipient stage, and all danger may be avoided. For sale by all chemists and druggists.

SPORTING.

Home Cricket.

FUTURES FOR TO-MORROW.
Lord's, Middlesex v. Surrey.
Leeds, Yorkshire v. Nottingham.
Worcester, Worcestershire v. Gloucestershire.

Southampton, Hampshire v. Gentlemen of Philadelphia.
Brighton, Sussex v. Somerset.
Leicester, Leicestershire v. Essex.

Birmingham, Warwickshire v. Northamptonshire.
Tunbridge Wells, Kent v. Lancashire, (Tunbridge Wells Week.)

THE FAKUMEN RAILWAY.

(FROM THE "SHANGHAI MERCURY.")

LONDON, July 7.

The "Westminster Gazette," a leading and staunch supporter of the Government, has a special article with a map, on the Hsinmintung Fakumen Railway, in which it says there seems little doubt that the underlying reason of Japan's obstructive attitude is the determination to control the railways and trade of Manchuria and to develop her leased territory and the South-Manchurian Railway at the expense of China generally and Newchwang in particular. The number of people interested and the amount sunk in Manchurian trade and the development of China are very large and some of our most important houses are deeply concerned, and therefore, even from a purely business point of view, Japan should be careful to inspire confidence in her pledged word. If the question is in negotiation on an entirely commercial basis there ought to be no great difficulty in effecting a compromise mutually satisfactory.

The "Daily Chronicle" remarks that unless Japan observes the spirit as well as the letter of the Treaty of Peace now will be heard of the matter.

The "Standard" says influential representations are being made at the Foreign Office.

The Paris "Matin" declares that Japan's zone of action is undoubtedly China. She means to be the first power in Asia and will leave nothing undone to accomplish that end. Evidently if she is first in Asia and master of China, Russia will still be her most dangerous enemy.

OBSTREPEROUS CHINESE.

Violent Scene in Court.

When the finding of a Naval Court held at the British Consulate this morning, (says the "Kobe Herald" of July 2), to enquire into charges of refusal of duty brought by Mr G. T. Ormer, Master of the British S.S. Strathclyde, against six Chinese seamen, Nos. 22, 23, 24, 25, 26 and 29, which was adverse to them, had been translated to the accused by Mr Yang Sun Chai, they immediately complained loudly of the result and used abusive language toward the Court and the interpreter. The President told them quietly that they could appeal to a higher Court, but they took no heed of this statement, and, after the Court had risen, they had to be forced out into the entrance hall by Mr Macdonald, the Shipping Clerk, and others. Here they continued to be very disorderly and uttered threats against the Court, the interpreter, Captain Ormer and the Chief Mate. In the midst of the turmoil one of the accused stretched his arm into the Vice-Consul's room and caught hold of the Chief Officer, who was standing inside, pulling him into the hall and tearing his coat. Others ran into the street, where a crowd had already been attracted by the noise, and indulged in violent gesticulations. In the meantime, another attempt was made to assault the Chief Officer at the entrance to the Consulate, but was stopped by the foreigners and Japanese who were standing near. By this time a policeman had arrived, but, as it was impossible for him to cope with the disturbance, a telephone message was sent to the Kobe Police Station. Another policeman then came up, and the two attempted to remove the Chinese to the Police Station, a severe struggle ensuing, in the course of which one of the accused made off. Eventually two or three more police men arrived, and after a further struggle, in which the police pluckily tackled the Chinese, who were mostly bigger men than themselves, the accused were removed to the Police Station, offering considerable resistance on the way. In the meanwhile the man who had got away was captured near the American Hotel. The six men are now detained in the cells at the Police Station and will be sent to the Procurator's Bureau to-morrow, the charges formulated by the Police being of intrusion into a building and damaging property. We understand, however, that the Consul General has applied that the men shall be prosecuted on the charge of attempting to interfere with a British Naval Court in the discharge of its duties, and that the Captain and Chief Officer have preferred charges of threatening to murder and assault.

BOYCOTTING AND CATTLE DRIVING.

Irish Judge's Views.

LONDON, June 16. Judge Curran, addressing the Grand Jury at Longford, declared that boycotting existed in every county in Ireland, without a finger being raised to suppress it. (The driving, he said, continued, because people laughed when only bound over to keep the peace.)

A WISHING SHRINE.

Queer Japanese Superstition.

At Aizaya Machi in the city of Nagoya, writes the "Japan Times," there stands a large temple called the Takakuramushi. The temple compound is of great extent, containing more than one interesting shrine, surrounded by thick, picturesque woods. Within these precincts there is a popular shrine known as the "Washing Shrine" which is practically nothing but a deep well. Tradition says that this well is the home of a guardian god in the form of a white serpent which will drown with penetrating eyes at whose- ever looks down into the well on the 1st of June (old calendar), and that whosoever is favoured by the terrible gaze of the serpent will be proof against all diseases which may prevail during the warm season. It is little wonder, therefore, that when this important day arrives the well is visited by thousands of good, innocent people who take their children to go through the funny operation of looking down the blessed well. In view of the near approach of this important day, the police have become anxious to avert possible mishaps, because in the great influx of people which is usually witnessed on this day some children have been accidentally plunged into the water. The police have now spread a wire net over the mouth of the well so as to render falling impossible.

OPIUM SUPPRESSION.

Interior Districts Lukewarm.

The Yangchow correspondent of the Shanghai Mercury writes on July 7.—The opium reform movement seems to be somewhat at a standstill in this district just now, as if the officials were not quite sure of the next move. There is certainly sincerity on the part of the higher officials, but they have a gigantic undertaking before them and they should have, wherever possible, the sympathy and co-operation of the whole foreign community. The opium dens are all closed but the shops licensed for the sale of the drug are still doing business, and the people can still consume as much opium in their own homes as before.

The shoe has not pinched yet here but it will do as soon as the sale is restricted by the establishment of Government depots, and it is this step that the officials hesitate to take.

PROMISING OPIUM CURE.

Chinese Officials Endorse.

An agreement was concluded on July 1 between Mr C. B. Towns and the Anti-Opium Bureau of Chihli Province, whereby Mr Towns will treat for the Board several hundred persons addicted to opium or other drug habit. Arrangements for the housing, etc. of the persons to be treated are being perfected, and the work will be well under way almost immediately. This announcement signifies the beginning, apparently, of a movement which will presently engage the close attention of China and the outside world. Coming, as it does, at a time sufficiently in advance of the meeting of the international opium conference in Shanghai in January, the results of these extensive operations will undoubtedly be a factor in the deliberations of the Commission.

The American State department is responsible for the suggestion of the Shanghai conference, and the gentleman with whom the local government has concluded the agreement is also an American. Negotiations were opened by the Anti-Opium Bureau, after a series of successful demonstrations by Mr Towns, and the stipulations into which the opening invitation of the Board finally crystallized were confirmed on Tuesday as stated.

We are not in possession of the facts of the negotiations but understand that Tao-tai Fung Kwo Chin, Director of the Anti-Opium Bureau conducted them on behalf of the Viceroy.

Expectant Tao-tai Yang I Tc, head of the local detective department, whom Mr Towns recently successfully treated for the opium habit, and who has been particularly desirous of publishing his gratitude to his friends and acquaintances his gratitude for restoration to normal physical condition, through the newspapers and otherwise, has taken an active interest in the matter.

WEATHER REPORT.

The following notices are issued by Mr. Pigg of the Hongkong Observatory—

On the 15th at 12.30 p.m. The barometer has risen slightly in E. Japan; and fallen elsewhere, particularly over S.W. Japan and the Leeches.

The depression, which affects a large area, is moving slowly Eastwards over the Yellow Sea.

Pressure is highest over the S. part of the China Sea.

Moderate to fresh S.W. winds may be expected in the Formosa Channel, and fresh to strong monsoon over the China Sea.

Hongkong Rainfall for the 24 hours ending at 10 a.m. to-day, 0.00 inches.

Forecast for the 24 hours ending at noon to-morrow.

FORECAST DISTRICTS.

1.—Hongkong and Neighbourhood: S.W. winds, moderate to fresh; fair.

2.—Formosa Channel: Same as No. 1.

3.—South coast of China between Hongkong and Lamouk: Same as No. 1.

4.—South coast of China between Hongkong and Hainan: Same as No. 1.

FAILURE OF A TREASURE HUNT.

Disappointing Searches Of the South African Coast.

Treasure-Hunting, through a fascinating pursuit, is not so lucrative nowadays as fiction writers would make out. That, at any rate, has been the experience of the London Syndicate who financed the *Alyda* *Nobel*. After a year's search among the wrecks on the coast of South Africa she is now on her way back to England with little treasure aboard, beside a quantity of old China that will hardly compensate the adventurers for their expenditure.

The ship was fitted out on a lavish scale with the latest appliances for enabling divers to remain under water a considerable time, and was skippered by Captain Gardner. She was sent to South African waters over a twelvemonth ago with the primary object of securing "Kruger's millions" which were supposed to have gone down in the sailing ship *Durochea* off the coast of Natal about the time the late President Kruger left the Transvaal for Holland.

The attempt proved a failure, and the *Alyda* *Nobel* then made round the coast for Swakopmund in the quest of treasure from the wreck of the *Dunbeth*. Here it was found that even the copper and brass fittings had been taken by previous visitors. This part of the venture cost £800.

The treasure-hunters then moved close to the old Dutch East Indian ship the *Middlebury*, which sank in Sladen's Bay. Here some old china was secured, but not of any value, though ten feet of sand had to be pumped out before even this was obtained. Operations were next conducted on the wreck of the *Thermopylae* in Three Anchor Bay, with poor result. A move was finally made to the wreck of the *America*, off Vredendyk, a suburb of Cape Town, with equally disappointing results.

The money available for the speculation being exhausted, further "treasure-hunting" had to be abandoned. The public in Cape Town were allowed to inspect the boat at 6d. per head, and probably more revenue was obtained from this prosaic source than any other.

DIAMOND-MAKING.

Flight of the Inventor.

AN EXCELLENT HOAX.

LONDON, June 18.

Lemoine, the engineer who pretended that he had discovered a method of manufacturing diamonds, and who on this representation obtained £24,000 from Sir Julius Wernher, has fled from Paris. The envelope supposed to contain the formula, to whose disclosure he offered such strenuous objections, was opened. The formula which it contained stated: "Taken powdered carbon made from sugar, place it in the crucible, raise the temperature of the furnace to 1700 or 1800 degrees Centigrade, and thus obtain crystallisation. Next apply pressure to the lid. The diamonds are then made."

Experts describe the formula as an excellent hoax. Lemoine, in a letter to the magistrate inquiring into his case, said that the owner of the factory impeded his experiments. If these were brought to a successful conclusion elsewhere he would reappear, and confound his detractors.

A warrant has been issued for the arrest of Lemoine. Lemoine undertook to manufacture diamonds a little over 2in. long and a little over 1in. in breadth. The method of the experiment, of whose failure we had word a few weeks ago, was as follows:—First of all, the crucibles were supplied by the judicial authorities. There was a score of them "made in Germany," and the experts took 10 at random, and smashed them, so as to convince themselves that there were no nooks in which diamonds could be hidden away. Of the remaining 10 crucibles, one was chosen for the trial experiment.

The experts inspected and measured the crucible inside and out before the substances used in the fabrication were introduced, and also the stopper. M. Lemoine mixed and prepared the various materials before them, and the powder was handed to one of the experts, who himself placed it in the crucible, which was closed by a witness. All this time M. Lemoine was not permitted to approach the crucible, nor did he deposit it in the oven. Naturally, he superintended the heating operations, but he was not allowed to introduce a shovel, or anything else into the oven, or to take the crucible out. The crucible was removed by an expert, who cooled it, and when the stopper was removed a careful watch was kept in order to prevent any thing being introduced into it, either by hand or by any other means. The experts alone were permitted to extract the object from the crucible, and to examine it. A Parisian diamond-cutter demonstrated that the diamonds supplied to Sir Julius Wernher by Lemoine as being of his own fabrication, were nothing more than native stones, already partially cut and purchased outright from a native dealer.

MISSING.

Inquiries are being made at Shanghai for a man named A. Heroux, who left Shanghai on the 2nd instant, saying that he was going to Chinkiang. From Chinkiang he went on to Hankow and then on towards Ichang. Heroux was married in Shanghai on June 22 last. Before leaving Shanghai he obtained several sums of money and jewellery from lady friends on trust. During the last year he had established a splendid reputation among a small circle of friends and the money were given to him apparently for investment, on 100,000, being given in return in each case. Heroux is about 5 ft 6 or 7 inches high, 39 years of age, and has dark hair and moustache. He is slightly bald and is usually well dressed.

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HIDDEN TREASURE.

An Alluring Story.

A correspondent of the "Indian Mirror" writes about a hidden treasure in the fort of Rani Daksai, near the hills of Amar Kantak, in the Central Provinces. He suggests the promotion of a powerful syndicate of Mahomedans and Hindus to explore the fort. Hidden treasure and jewels are promised as reward of the exploration. The incidental difficulties are, however, considerable, though not insurmountable. The Bengal-Nagpur Railway's Pirde Road Station is only at a distance of ten miles, but between the Station and the fort lies a waste of roadless jungle and swamp in which Sir Richard Temple's elephants stuck, and had to turn back, many decades ago. After this mud difficulty has been overcome, comes another of great consequence. The fort has no gate or opening. The likelihood is that the intention was to use balloons for ingress and egress. So that for the modern explorer the use of the airy conveyance will be necessary. But with all this, the correspondent is enthusiastic of the result, which, he thinks, will more than repay the trouble and risk.

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